

Location: Olympic Corrections Center Date: 10-7-21 Time: 1300

Teleconference details: Microsoft Teams calendar appointment

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: Superintendent Jason Bennett Family co-chair: _____

Facility/council secretary: Elena Friesz Family secretary, if applicable: N/A




Members present Sheri Acker and Tyna Plumb

Non-council member present: Scott Speer, Mike Eby, Ginger Price, Nick Riggan and Kate Wahlgren

Agenda

Old Business from 8-12-2021

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Legislation updates	Any new/revised legislation that affects inmates, specifically related to releases	All has been announced publicly.
ERD	What should the incarcerated be planning when a year out from ERD	When an individual arrives, the counselor has a discussion for goals and planning. At the one-year mark then planning for address which is it going to be family, sponsor, work release, or do they need a housing voucher. Looking at ID's such as social security card and DOL. Does the individual have traffic violations to take care of so they can get a current driver's license? If the individual is in chemical dependency is, he on tract to complete the treatment. It is our goal as a department to assist the individual to be prepared to enter society.
Incarcerated Phones	Is there phone shortage or a problem with the phones.	Recently with the Clearwater Unit closure and all the population is in the remaining two units, Ozette and Hoh it would put more demand for the five phones in each unit being used more often. No reports of phone troubles. We will continue to monitor.

GRD	The revamping and the qualifications for GRD.	It takes a collaboration of many areas and departments such as Ombuds, classification, Statewide Family Council to name a few and to have thoughtful consideration in developing an up-to-date process. CPM Speer thought in a couple months or so something should be in place.
South end of the Hoh Mainline	There were no signs or notification of closure.	Assumed there were signs at south as they on the north. Department of Natural Resources owns the road, and it is not maintained in the winter. It is now open as of August 20 th .
Statewide Representative for OCC	OCC LFC member representing at the statewide family council meetings	Contact Superintendent Bennett if interested September 18 th meeting
Lodging Assistance Program (LAP)	It is \$50 towards a motel stay if you travel over 150 miles one way	https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/in-carceration/visiting/sup-port.htm#lodging  LAP pathway.pdf
October OCC LFC Meeting	Safe Start/Visiting/LFC	Visiting being scheduled with cohort the LFC will meet on TEAMS in October
New Business 10-7-2021		
Visits	Has there been any discussion on more than one visits a month?	Not currently. Safe Start Plan has been updated as of October 1 st  Safe Start Plan update 10-21.pdf  SafeStart Contact Visitation Updated
Events	Any thoughts on holiday events that would include family?	Currently with the guidelines in place facilities are not doing Family Friendly events. The coordinators have been doing craft events with the incarcerated to ship home to approved visitors. OCC will have a sign up for a fall craft geared towards Thanksgiving to send to their loved ones.
Covid-19	OCC experiencing cases. If so, how many, and what levels of severity?	OCC does not have any active Covid cases as of today. The quarantine was lifted yesterday for the Ozette.
Family Services Mike Eby	Parent teacher conferences	https://doc.wa.gov/family/conferences.htm

Roundtable open discussion

Next meeting location: Microsoft TEAMS Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 Time: 1300

Comments:

Ms. Acker- We also wanted to mention that our 3-hour, contact visit yesterday (9-19-21) was much appreciated. We had a great visit with our loved one and appreciate everything that went into making these longer, no barrier visits happen. Being able to hug him for the first time in over a year is priceless. The staff was kind and even offered us water during our visit. We can't thank everyone enough.

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